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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/PROF)

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**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**

Flathead County
800 South Main Street, Room 302
Kalispell, MT 59901

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before, March 21, 2016, the above named Flathead County will request the Montana Department of Commerce to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT TITLE: Flathead County Senior Center ADA Improvement and Building Upgrade Project

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: To complete ADA improvements and general building upgrades to the Senior Centers in Whitefish, Columbia Falls and Bigfork, MT, as well as the building commonly referred to as the Adams Building in Kalispell, MT where the Kalispell Senior Center will have office space.

LOCATION:

- Whitefish Senior Center, 121 East 2nd Street, Whitefish, MT
- Columbia Falls Senior Center, 205 Nucleus Avenue, Columbia Falls, MT
- Bigfork Senior Center, 639 Commerce Street, Bigfork, MT
- Adams Building/Kalispell Senior Center Office, 1100 S Main Street, Kalispell, MT

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$546,824.00

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Flathead County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination or copying, upon request.

Flathead County will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Montana Department of Commerce, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Flathead County is certifying to the Department of Commerce that Flathead County and Commissioner Holmquist, in her official capacity as Chairman of the County Commission, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, Flathead County may use the CDBG funds, and the Department of Commerce will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as delegated to the State of Montana through the 1981 Amendments to the Housing and Community Development Act.

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the CDBG Program, Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 200523, 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Commerce. No objections received after April 7, 2016 will be considered by the Department of Commerce.


Pamela Holmquist, Flathead County Commissioner

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Community Development Division
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RE: FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

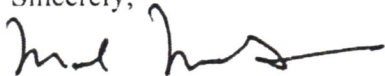
Dear : Jennifer Olson

It is the finding of Flathead County, Montana that the following activities approved for funding under the Montana CDBG program are defined as categorically excluded under 24 Part 58.35 of the Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Programs, and that these activities are in compliance with the environmental requirements of related federal authorities. The activities and the statutory authority for exclusion are listed below:

1. Adams Building—Elevator Installation, ADA compliance improvements. *Authority—Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): Improvement, replace or upgrade existing facilities.*
2. Bigfork Senior Center—Replace roof, update plumbing, replace water heater, replace flooring, replace HVAC system, ADA compliance improvements. *Authority—Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): Improvement, replace or upgrade existing facilities.*
3. Columbia Falls Senior Center—Replace roof, exterior painting, replace water heater, ADA compliance improvements. *Authority—Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): Improvement, replace or upgrade existing facilities.*
4. Whitefish Senior Center—Install new air conditioning system, exterior painting, ADA compliance improvements. *Authority—Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): Improvement, replace or upgrade existing facilities.*

Compliance with the environmental requirements of other federal authorities is indicated on the attached Statutory Checklist.

Sincerely,



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Flathead County Planning and Zoning Director
Environmental Certifying Official

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